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PATENT

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(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT, SUPPLEMENTAL, DIVISIONAL, CONTINUATION OR CIP)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

**TYPE OF DECLARATION**

This declaration is of the following type:

- ☒ original
- ☐ design
- ☐ supplemental
  
- ☐ national stage of PCT

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- ☐ divisional
- ☐ continuation
- ☒ continuation-in-part (CIP)

**INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION**

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**TITLE OF INVENTION**CONICAL FLORAL SLEEVE**SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION**

the specification of which:

- (a) ☐ is attached hereto.

- (b) ☒ [ X ] was filed on July 12, 2000 as [X] Serial No. 09/614,317 [ ]  
Express Mail No. \_\_\_\_\_, as Serial No. not yet known, and was amended  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).
- (c) ☐ [ ] was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
filed on \_\_\_\_\_ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on \_\_\_\_\_ (if  
any).

#### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR**

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56,

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable, and which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56,

(also check the following items, if desired)

- [X] and which is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is a substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, and
- [X] in compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98.

#### **CLAIM FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120, of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS  
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 120:**

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**FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119**

(complete one of the following)

- ☒ [X] I claim no foreign priority benefits under Title 35 U.S.C. § 119 of foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application; or
- ☐ [ ] I claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35 U.S.C. § 119, as indicated in  
ADDED PAGE FOR FOREIGN PRIORITY CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 119  
attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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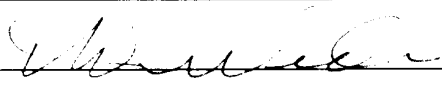
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### DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Serial No.: 09/614,317 )  
Filed: July 12, 2000 )  
For: CONICAL FLORAL SLEEVE )

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Southpac Trust International, Inc., not individually, but as trustee of The Family Trust U/T/A dated December 8, 1995, owner by assignment of the above-identified patent application, hereby appoints the following attorneys to prosecute this application to register, to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to receive the certificate of registration: Jerry J. Dunlap, Reg. No. 17,146; Charles A. Coddington, Reg. No. 25,099; Christopher W. Corbett, Reg. No. 36,109; Nicholas D. Rouse, Reg. No. 36,992; Glen M. Burdick, Reg. No.

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The document was filed in the Patent and Trademark Office on January 23, 1996, and a copy of the assignment and pages \_\_ and \_\_ of Part A of Schedule 1.2 are attached.

[ ] Additional documents in the chain of title are listed on a supplemental sheet.

1 | Copies of assignments or other documents in the chain of title are attached.

The undersigned has reviewed all the documents in the chain of title of the patent application identified above and, to the best of undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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